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## UNDERPAID DIPLOMATS.

The miserably way in which our foreign envoys are treated by the disbursing power accounts for the inability of Captain Clark, U. S. N., to attend the coronation of King Edward as one of the special embassy. His salary of \$3000 per year, which, owing to lower rank and pay up to a recent time, has barely met his expenses, left him nothing to go with. For, be it known, attendance at the great royal function, as a special envoy of the United States, means heavy drafts upon the private purse. It was the plan to pay the three representatives but the demagogues of the House raised such a hue and cry that the State Department, heeding the derision of Europe, withdrew its bill and gave out that each envoy must foot his own costs. Fortunately the head of the embassy, Whitelaw Reid, is a millionaire and will not feel the rental of \$10,000 per month for two months, that he is paying for a suitable house; but Captain Clark could hardly have ventured to incur the expense of a hall bedroom on the fifth floor and so relinquished the honor, which must have sorely tempted him, to present the compliments of the greatest Anglo-Saxon nation to the eldest.

It is this same cheese-paring policy on the part of Congress which has turned our higher diplomatic service over entirely to rich men. No citizen of moderate means, whatever his genius for diplomacy may be, can afford to take the mission to Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy or Austria, where the pay ranges from \$17,500 per year down to \$12,000—not more than enough for house rent if the American envoy is going to give the United States a social standing among other first-class powers. So it comes about that the man of purse goes abroad for us and not the man of mere brains. Happily some of our envoys have both money and brains, but even then it is unfair to deprive one who might become of the first consequence to his nation abroad, but for a slack purse, of the chance to show his mettle.

## THE COMING FIESTA.

The plea of the Ministerial Union that the fiesta should not be had if it leads to excesses, is one that might be used against a fourth of July celebration or any public holiday affair in which people are given a chance to enjoy themselves in their own way. Some men, out for a holiday, go to extremes in their personal conduct; but when these afflict the peace or disturb the order of the community the police have a duty to perform and they generally act with promptness. It is better to leave such things to them than to step in between the public and its rational pleasures so as to keep individuals in check. That is the spirit of the old Puritans, the most meddlesome of bigots, and it is not one for such an intelligent ministry of that of Honolulu to adopt.

At the same time the Christian public may rest assured that a fiesta in the hands of the merchants will not be planned or permitted to give a bad name to the town. What we are going to have is a big fair on American lines, with plenty of fun and merry-making, public spectacles and sports—a good thing at any time whether small like a fiesta or big like an exposition.

## THE GRAND JURY.

The grand jury, after a week's session, will make its final report today. This is the first time that Honolulu has seen the grand jury system worked out with some consideration for the taxpayers. We have had grand juries that sat for a month or six weeks and went on fishing trips every day to try and catch something for a political judge to use against Governor Dole at Washington; we have had packed grand juries which whitewashed hoodlums and grand juries that moused about in search of the pettiest offenses—but never before have we had a hard-working business-like body which, without neglecting any real duty, got through its business in a week and stood ready to go home. For this innovation Judge Robinson has the thanks of the tax-paying community.

Cuba began business yesterday as an independent republic, and the world is waiting to see whether it can go on as such without serious friction. As a rule the Spanish-American republic in its formative years, is a hotbed of intrigue and treason against the chosen civil authorities. It gets no relief until there arises a strong man like Diaz or Jorge Moutt to rule with imperial firmness and continuity. Of course the right of the United States under the Platt amendment to interfere and preserve the peace in Cuba will steady things and may save the day for the young republic; but nevertheless the outs are not going to be agreeable to the ins nor is the annexation party, which contains the better elements of the population, going to take negro legislative and provincial rule with a serene face.

Wm. J. Bryan is in Cuba as a special correspondent for several papers. His letters, which are sure to be interesting, will be so widely published as to give almost everybody a chance to read them. It is not improbable that the eminent Democrat may, at a later period, visit the Philippines, in which case Honolulu may have a chance to see him.

Aguinaldo prefers the gold cure.

## A CRITIC OF HAWAII.

The Springfield Republican always pettifogs the Hawaiian case as may be seen in reading this editorial criticism of Gov. Dole's speech before the Boston Congressional Club:

Gov. Sanford B. Dole of the Hawaiian Islands was given a most cordial welcome last night by the Boston Congressional Club, and made, in response, a speech whose points are worth reproducing by way of contrast for the consideration of the public. Reviewing the revolution, he said in so many words that the monarchy was overthrown and annexation was accomplished for the sake of good government in the islands; that is, it was for their benefit. Point No. 2 is that "we have given you everything we have," by being annexed, and only want in return some small appropriations for harbors and other financial aid from the government. But the second point, that they have given us all they have, is not at all consistent with his first point that they sought annexation for the benefit of the islands, and it shows that they are still trying to work the United States for the benefit of the Hawaiians. Point No. 3 was the statement that there are 8000 Hawaiian and Portuguese voters to only 2000 white voters, and his urgent sentence in conclusion: "We demand more than any other thing recognition of the American civilization which has made Hawaii what it is." He used the word "demand," and used it with all his force. He protested against the present political system and took implicitly the position that the whites must be supported and the native Hawaiians must be put down. Nobody asked whether the Hawaiian Islands belonged to the Hawaiians or to the whites, and his attitude seemed to have the cordial approval of the club.

Where do the first and second points conflict? It is true that annexation was sought for the benefit of Hawaii, but it is equally true that the possession of the islands is of immense value and advantage to the United States. About \$100,000 per month accrues to the Treasury from customs dues at this port; and there is a considerable sum besides in internal revenue receipts. The largest trade San Francisco enjoys with any region beyond the borders of California, is with Hawaii. Finally, the United States owns, in these islands, the strategic key of the North Pacific where the future has so much in store. Let it be added that while the United States got more than it expected in Hawaii, this Territory got less than it had a right to expect from the United States. It was prepared to see its labor system disturbed, but it was not prepared, in its legitimate expectation of stable government, to see its organic act so framed as to put the Americans here under a political majority of anti-American aborigines, led by carpet-baggers. That this was an error was plainly said by the leaders of Congress at a dinner given in Washington to Gov. Dole; and the same view has been taken in private conversation by the President himself. In dealing with the issue of common benefits the significance of this error must not be overlooked.

Is there, under these circumstances, anything unfair in the plea for Federal appropriations? Would there be under any circumstances likely to arise? Hawaii is not a colony but a Territory of the United States, with bays and harbors to improve and public buildings to erect. It has a perfect right to ask and to expect a share of the Federal bounty allotted to the country at large for public improvements. That it has got little or nothing so far is due to the obstacles placed in its way by Congress to prevent the election of a competent delegate.

The Republican imagines that it puts an awkward question when it asks: "Do the Hawaiian islands belong to the Hawaiians or to the whites?" The easy answer is that they belong to neither, but to the United States, which has annexed them. If it is a question of private property here, we can assure the Republican that over 80 per cent. of such holdings belongs to the whites.

Governor Cooper has called a citizens' meeting for Friday to lay plans

for celebrating the fourth of July. The call is given early, so that there will be ample time to make arrangements for a big day. It is to be hoped that Honolulu will respond patriotically to the Executive invitation and start the wheels in motion.

Nothing shows the state of the New York beef market to more advantage than the report that Australian mutton chops, after paying duty, are retailing at a profit there.

## BY THE ARMS.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 4.—Private C. C. Brewer of Hawkins county, returning home from service in the Island of Samar, Philippines, served in a company of the Ninth Infantry, directly under General Smith for six months, and was on the island when General Smith issued the order to kill all horses and cows, burn all houses and kill all men, women and children who ran from the soldiers.

"Of course, this was about the same as ordering the soldiers to kill every one, as there were very few, especially women and children, who would not run," said Private Brewer. "The order caused considerable dissatisfaction among the men, as it made them feel like murderers to shoot down defenseless women and children, but after the massacre of the men of Company C, Ninth Regiment, the boys became revengeful. Forty-six soldiers were killed in that massacre, and 180 insurgents. The cook of the company killed 16 with a cleaver, and one fellow killed nine with a baseball bat. He came back on the same vessel with me, and still had his bloody bat as a souvenir."

In answer to a question, Private Brewer said he saw many cases of the "water cure" punishment, and said it was extremely brutal.

Private Brewer declared that the practice was exceedingly common, and was more terrible than the old practice of hanging by the thumbs. He saw a woman, the wife of an insurgent leader, hanged by the arms all night to make her tell where her husband was. She was suspended six hours, and then given time to rest. Finally after hours of suffering, she told where her husband was and was released. "I was glad to get away," said Private Brewer. "I would not take anything for my experience, but I don't want to try it again."

A mutual burial association is being formed among the citizens of Honolulu, with a local undertaker backing the scheme. Each member pays a small assessment upon the demise of any other member, and his funeral expenses are then paid upon his death. The organization is to be called the "Honolulu Mutual Burial Association."

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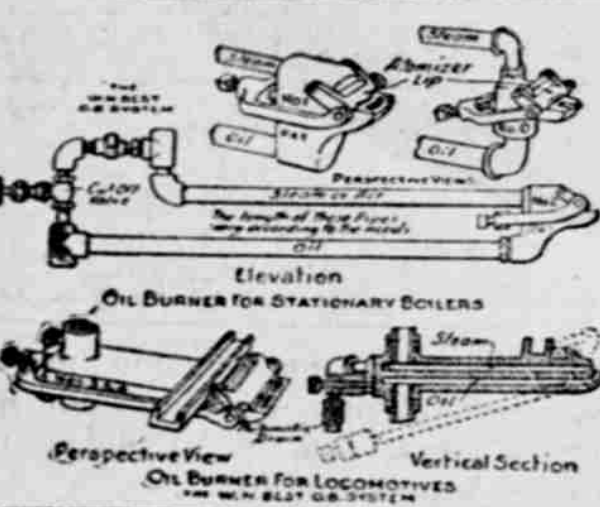
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